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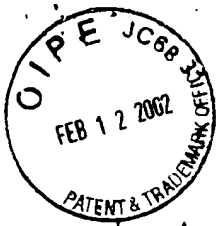
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2001, applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claim **21** and appreciate the withdrawal of the finality of the last Office Action. The remaining pending claims **1-20** have been rejected by the Office Action mailed August 14, 2001 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the APA reference in view of Gamma et al. (Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software, pp. 97-106). Moreover, the Office Action indicates that the invention described in claims **11** and **17** is "more abstract and less tangible than a 'per se' computer program, which by itself is non-statutory." In reliance on the aforementioned ground claims **11-20** are further rejected as being directed to non-statutory matter.

The currently pending claims **1-21** include independent claims **1, 7, 11, 17** and **21** with the remaining claims being dependent upon them. There are no multiply-dependent claims. Independent claims **1, 7, 11,** and **17-20** have been amended for clarity without introducing any new matter. Applicants respectfully request confirmation that the remaining pending claims **1-20** are also patentable over the cited art in view of the following remarks.



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The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$0.

The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

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